

DECEMBER 2016

# CHIMES



The Congregational Church of Tryon (UCC)

## Lindsay Lewis

*A Message from our new Director of Christian Education*

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*Lindsay Lewis, Director of Christian Education*

“I am so excited to be a part of the Congregational Church in this period of transition. I have been attending with my family periodically prior to taking this position and I love the kind message and the welcoming attitude of this congregation. I was lucky to grow up in churches that had wonderful children's programming and really

made children feel included as members of the church in their own right. That background has helped me in my life and faith, and I want to help this church continue to provide that for the children and youth of the congregation. Children have such a unique relationship with God and faith because of their capacity to just believe... and we all have something to gain from experiencing that along side them.

A little about me – I moved to Columbus from Raleigh when I got married in 2007. My husband, Joe, grew up here. We have two children – Abby, age 6, who is in 1st grade at Tryon Elementary, and Ian, age 5, who is in Pre-K at Tuesday School. I went to school at UNC-Asheville and received a degree in Environmental Science. I have been active on the board of Tuesday School and enjoy volunteering in art class at Tryon Elementary. When I do manage to find a little time for myself you can usually find me knitting!”

Welcome Lindsay! We are blessed to have you to help guide the children of our church.

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## Christian Education in December

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**E**ach Sunday in Advent, we will be focusing on the themes of LOVE, PEACE, HOPE, and JOY and how they help us be a light in the world. The children will be making a chain of good deeds, which we will present to the church. Encourage your children to be thoughtful of their actions and how they can help to make the world a place full of love, peace, hope, and joy!

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**December 4th-** John the Baptist. Children will be learning about the message John the Baptist shares in the passage of Matthew 3:1-12. We will be using a skit as part of the lesson and presenting that to the congregation during the service

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**December 11th-** The birth of Jesus. We will be focusing on the story of the Nativity and creating our own Christmas Crèche. Please bring an empty shoebox to church this Sunday.  
Also anyone who wants to participate in the

Christmas pageant, please come at 9am for a rehearsal before church.

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**December 18th-** The Christmas pageant! We will be presenting our program to the congregation this Sunday during the service. Please come at 9am to for a rehearsal before church.

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**December 25th** – Christmas Day! Everyone welcome to enjoy carols and storytelling for this service celebrating the birth of Jesus and the joy of Christmas morning!



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## Financial Update

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### As of November 2016

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Pledges made : 195,250.00

Pledges received: 186,472.11

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Expenses budgeted: 264,341.00

Expenses paid: 225,023.28

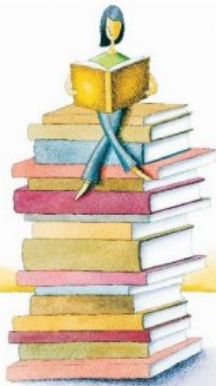
# Stewardship Through Service

## *Boards and Committees need your help*

**A**s we continue the prayerful consideration of our commitment to the work of the Church, it is time to plan for future governing through the Boards that support worship, education, outreach, and ministry. The Nominating Committee is seeking church members to fill positions for 2017-2019 on the Board of Trustees, Board of Deacons, Board of Outreach, Board of Christian Education and Board of Parish Life. Terms

of office are 2 years with the opportunity to serve consecutive terms. The next two years will be a crucial time for the congregational ministry as we evaluate our mission and vision for the future. Your willingness to serve our congregation in one of these areas will make a difference. Please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee to let us know of your willingness to serve.

-Becky Collins, Ann Franklin, Lynette Conrad



## WISE

*WISE meets the 1st and 3rd  
Monday of every month at 2pm  
in the Church Parlor.*

***All are welcome to attend!***

This month's book:  
*"Becoming Wise An Inquiry into the Mys-  
tery and Art of Living"* by Krista Tippett

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## The Senior Parish Ministry

**T**he Senior Parish Ministry is restarting under the care of Rick King and the Board of Deacons. Senior Parish is made up of church members who are no longer able to attend church. The plan is to gather volunteers who want to brighten the lives of

these absent church members with a monthly visit. A planning meeting will be scheduled soon. Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of this ministry. Contact Cherie Brooks at 894-2710 or email her [atcheriebrooks@windstream.net](mailto:atcheriebrooks@windstream.net).

# Community Bulletin Board

*Additional events not to miss this holiday season*

**The Community Chorus**  
*Presents their Annual Christmas Concert*  
Directed by Lesley Bush and Accompanied by Pam McNeil



*December 11, 2016 at 3:00 pm*  
*Polk County High School Auditorium*

The Community Chorus December 11, 2016  
Doors open at 2:30. Proceeds used to fund  
Rotary Club of Tryon Scholarship Programs.

Family Movie Night and food drive at Tryon Theater, December 21, 2016 at 7pm. Help feed a needy family this holiday season.

**Season of Giving**  
Family Movie Night  
*Elf* (rated PG)  
Tryon Theater  
Wednesday, Dec. 21st  
7pm

A fun, free, holiday event hosted by Polk County Public Library! In lieu of theater admission, please bring a nonperishable food item to be donated to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministries.

FREE hot chocolate and cookies will be provided and the movie theater's concession stand will be open for additional snack purchases.



## From the Choir Loft

**W**e all trust that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoyed celebrating with friends and family - but the choir and I wish to invite you to yet another gathering of fellow church members and friends on Christmas Eve, December 24th at 4:40PM. The choir has been preparing wonderful pieces for your enjoyment along with a special solo performed by one of our

very own members. The solo "The Virgin's Slumber Song" by Max Reger is a classic and will melt your hearts. Along with the choir I will present a selection of Christmas organ music which is sure to put you in the mood. Join us on this special eve as we welcome the Christ Child.

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

John Mullaney and Choir



## The Lydia Circle

**W**hen the Lydia Circle met on November 1 at the Vosburgh's home, all members were busy making cards and gifts for 17 Shut-Ins, and 35 "Thinking of You" church members and friends...with lots of tender loving care. TLC is what the Lydia Circle is all about. It meets every month for fellowship, to learn more about issues that affect them all as women, as a church, as a nation, and to aid its church and members and its community as the need arises. It is named after Lydia who was a strong supporter of the Apostle Paul. She was a successful businesswoman who found God through Paul's preaching, and



opened her home and resources for his use. She was known as a seller of purple cloth. The circle's message to all this month: "Warmest Christmas Wishes – May the beauty of this Christmas season surround you with love and hope."

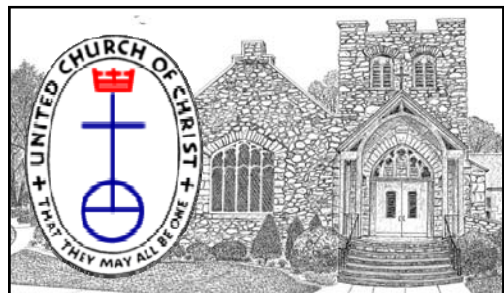
The next get-together is the Christmas meeting at the Highland Season's restaurant in Flat Rock on Monday, December 12th at 11:00 A.M. If you'd like to know more about Lydia Circle, please contact Janet Joens or Edna Boone.



## Interested in Church Membership?

If you are interested in joining  
The Congregational Church  
of Tryon  
(United Church of Christ)  
Speak with the pastor after the service.

*All are welcome to become part  
of this faith community.*





# December 2016



SUNDAY	MONDAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	FRIDAY	Saturday
				1) 7pm Council Meeting	2) 10 am Tai Chi	3)
4) 8:30am Celebration 10:30am Worship	5) 2 pm WISE	6) 1pm Bridge	7) 10 am Bible Study 11:30 am Kiwanis 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	8) 7 pm Men's Group	9) 10am Tai Chi	10)
11) 8:30 am Celebration 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am WOW/ Super Sunday	12) 11 am Staff 11 am Lydia Circle 6 pm Deacons	13) 1 pm Bridge 4 pm Trustees Meeting 5 pm Board of Outreach	14) 10 am Bible Study 11:30 am Kiwanis 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	15)	16) 10 am Tai Chi	17)
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25) Merry Christmas 10:30am Worship only	26) Office Closed  Rick Out	27) 1pm Bridge  Rick Out	28) 10am Bible Study 11:30 Kiwanis 7pm Choir Rehearsal Rick Out	29)  Rick Out	30) 10 am Tai Chi	31)

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## Happy Birthday

- Caroline Worthington 2
- LaSae Kuether 3
- Laura Jump 5
- Molly Behrends 7
- Clifford Joens 10
- Carol Cloud Rowell 13
- Jennifer Jones 17
- Andrea Walter 17
- Jerry Atkins 18
- Dennis Barker 18
- Ronald Wingo 20
- Stacy Evans 23
- Jimmy Campbell 24
- Manfred Walter 24
- Don Wilson 27
- Kip Vosburgh 29
- Catherine Wilson 30
- Ken Yeager 30



# Fun & Learning Night

## *The Galapagos Islands by Stephanie Winterrowd*

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waved albatross, warblers, blue-footed boobies, gannets, etc.; the male marine iguana turns red; the giant tortoise is indeed giant!; the only predator used to be the Galapagos hawk...now there are rats and goats; the Sally Lightfoot Crab is very colorful; etc.

THANK YOU, Stephanie for enlightening us as to your 6 months on the island of Espanola in the Galapagos Islands...in a tent!! And what a 6 months it was. We all feel that you definitely deserved that master's thesis. Well done.

In case you missed Fun & Learning night on November 16, Stephanie Winterrowd was great. There won't be Fun & Learning during our busy December, but stay tuned for next year's presentations...not to be missed.

**D**arwin went there in 1835; Nazca boobies incubate their eggs with their feet; the island of Espanola is 4 hours away from civilization by boat; sea lions have ears, seals do not; the

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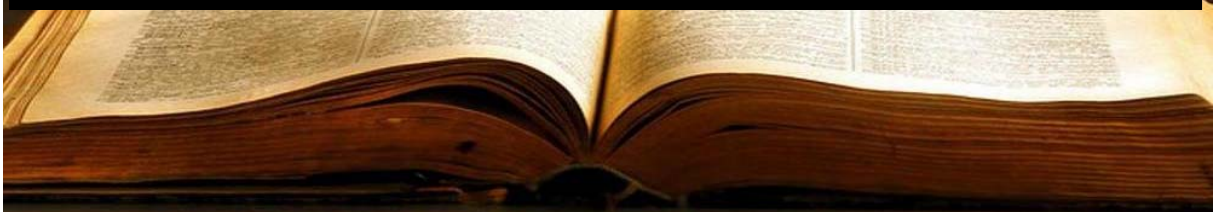
***And thanks to the CE Board for organizing and providing the delicious dinner and brownies.***

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# BIBLE STUDIES

**Join us every Wednesday at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.**

*All are welcome!*



## Board of Outreach

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**N**ovember has been another busy month for Outreach. A ramp project which had been in the planning stages for several months was successfully completed. It was at a very difficult site. Our engineering genius, Cliff Joens, spent countless hours drafting and figuring the best way to accomplish the task. The men, Barney, Miles, Jim, Cliff, Warner, Manfred, Brian, Ron and Doug R. worked two day shifts from 8 am to 1:30 pm. With Cliff supervising and working both days it came to about 55 man hours. Mrs. Miller is barely mobile but with a walker or wheelchair she is now able to get up to the road and into a car. She is so thankful and couldn't praise our crew and the work they did enough. They now have angel status. Congratulations to all



the guys for a fantastic job.

We also had a very exciting and successful wood splitting party at TBOM. Although we had planned on a Congregational work crew a group from the Presbyterian Church and other community members also showed up.



All in all there were twenty people ranging in ages from 9 to 79. It was a beehive of activity, the noise from the three wood splitters and two chain saws was deafening and exhilarating as was the fact that as the pile of logs was disappearing the stacked wood in the shelter grew exponentially. George thought that the woodshed has never been this full. Thanks go to Ki, Doug L, Bill, Bob Q., George, Erin, Reese, Ryan, Manfred, Andrea, Christel and especially Charlie and his boys, Dylan and Ryley.

We received 36 Angel Cards from TBOM. It has been most gratifying to see them disappear and know that through your generosity there will be Christmas presents for many of the Polk County youngsters and seniors that would have gone without, thank you. To any of you who supported the Tryon Half Marathon which benefits TBOM with your brunch donations and anyone that trekked to Saluda for the Holiday Bazaar of the Episcopal Church also many thanks.

You have been most generous and the Board of Outreach appreciates all your support.





## Profiles



# Margaret (Margie) Brown Davis

**D**owner's Grove, Illinois, is where Margie grew up, the youngest and only girl of three. She met Seth when they were on a double date with other people. She was 15. He came home from Army boot camp during the Korean War, and they were married in 1953. She was 18. She never wanted another man. It's been hard for her since Seth died in October 2015. She asks, "How do you function after being with the same person for over 62 years?" Well, she's trying and we're helping. So is Pumpkin, her rescued Maltese, shown here in the picture with Margie.

There are six kids: Michael, Rebecca, twins Cynthia and Catherine, John, and Sarah. All live in the area except one. Margie says they all couldn't wait to get out of Polk County at one time, and now most are back living here and loving it. There are 9 grandkids.

Margie's grandfather, John Brown, two of whose paintings are hanging in the church, one in the parlor over the fireplace, and one in the Fellowship Hall, and grandmother retired to Tryon in 1942. He went to the Congregational Church, even was a Deacon. Margie spent summers here, so you KNOW she's seen this town grow in many different

ways; i.e., IGA was A&P, Missildines was a post office, Ace Rickenbacker was the WTYN announcer and used to greet people on Trade Street as radio announcements, and remembers bathrooms labeled as "coloreds" and "whites."

## **Psalm 23 – *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want...***

When Margie and Seth retired to Polk County in 1969, farmers were still plowing fields with mules. She calls the two of them "late hippies," and they built and occupied a farm on Peniel Road in Columbus for 12 years. The book "Farming for Self Sufficiency" was the family's Bible. They had the best chickens in the county, had a pregnant cow, made butter from the cream, they raised lambs, pigs, sold milk and eggs roadside and at the hardware store. They grew everything except flour and sugar. Ask her. There are some amusing stories.

When Margie was 48, she went to nursing school at USC Upstate and became an RN. Graduated with a 4.0 average. After that, she, Seth and youngest, Sarah, lived on a sailboat in Charleston. Its name was Jehovah Jireh.

(Look it up.) It was a fabulous experience for all, but, after Hurricane Hugo, nine years later, that was it. Back to Tryon they came.

Margie had always wanted a horse. She paid \$100 for her first one, Shadrach, saddle and all. She hunted with the Tryon Hounds, has broken many bones, including her pelvis and back, and it was determined that she'd need to quit riding. She has recently visited her last horse, Rebel, where he's boarded, and cried when she had to leave. She LOVED to ride...to be out in nature, "God's Glory."

She and Seth traveled a great deal. A very special trip for Margie was riding and painting for two weeks in Canyon de Chelly in the heart of the Navajo Nation in the "four corners" of the country, sponsored by the Taos Art School. She has loved to paint. Oils were hard and smelly at first, but that's

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## **Favorite Hymn**

### *This Is My Father's World*

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now her favorite medium. She does have some beautiful watercolors in her home (next to her grandfather's). Margie is also a weaver. At one time she owned five looms.



*Margaret (Margie) Brown Davis*

After attending the Tryon Presbyterian Church while her aunt, Jane Brown, a renowned Tryonite, was alive, our church became her anchor. She was a Deacon, was instrumental in starting Profiles, Sunday night services and potlucks, the Ruth Circle on Monday afternoons, and participated in Feed A Family. She now is part of Wednesday morning Bible Study.

Margie is a survivor; she's had breast cancer, has fallen out of a raft on the Nantahala River, survived the Bermuda Triangle on a sailboat, has two artificial knees and one hip, lost her soul mate, had a heart attack after he died...and she lives to tell. She'll be 82 soon.

God bless Margie.

The Board of Deacons – December 2016



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### Church Office Hours

The church office is open

**Monday through Friday,**

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**Closed for lunch between 12 & 1**

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